

## **Senate Joint Resolution No. 1**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 56**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1—Relative to the federal Morrill Act.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

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This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to renew the commitment to accessible higher education and the support of research in the interest of the nation.

WHEREAS, In 1862, the United States was engaged in a Civil War that divided the nation and depleted its treasury; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States sought to energize the vital intellectual resources of the nation by enacting legislation to make higher education accessible to the public, and thereby apply that intellectual capacity to stimulate the national economy that, at the time, was based in agriculture and mechanical arts; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln supported, encouraged, and signed this legislation because it contained ideals that united the North and the South and was able to be executed through the allocation of land grants; and

WHEREAS, This legislation, known as the Morrill Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 301), manifested itself in California with the establishment of the University of California; and

WHEREAS, The impact of the University of California, and its sister public postsecondary institutions, the California State Universities and the California Community Colleges, has educated millions of Californians and strengthened not only the state's agricultural industry as promised by the Morrill Act, but continued to assist the state's economy in each successive wave of innovation, including the industrial age and the information technology age; and

WHEREAS, The people of California have experienced a profound benefit from the Morrill Act; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature memorializes the President of the United States and the Congress to renew the commitment to accessible higher education and the support of research in the interest of the nation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the

Senate, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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